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Personality Focus

By Pat Van Lear

Personality (pur'su · nal'i · ti): individuality; magnetic personal qual-ity (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

When one speaks of personality, is is usually in the above terms, assuming that an individual does or does not have "personality". Correctly speaking, however, everyone has a personality; it is the sum of one's structures, modes of behavior, interests, attitudes, abilities, and apti-tudes. It seems appropriate at this time to discuss the personalities of two men; Nikita S. Khrushchev and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Today these two men are on the opposite ends of the power scale in their respective countries. Khru-shchev was recently obliged to retire as First Party Secretary and Premier of the U.S.S.R., while Johnson was elected as President of the United States. Disregarding the environ mental circumstances, what caused the success of one and the failure of another?

Many reasons have been given concerning the decline of Khrushchev in the eyes of the party: the rift with Red China, a policy of "peaceful coexistence," an unsuccess-ful agricultural preserve. The fact ful agricultural program. The fact remains that the Party Central Committee charged Khrushchev person ally for "clowning, boorishness, shoe pounding . . ." In short, the ex-Premier had formed a "cult of per-sonality". Setting oneself up as an in-dividual is getting away from the ideal Bussian situation, thus Khtu ideal Russian situation; thus Khru shchev's leadership style cost him his career. Conversely, perhaps John-son's "cult of personality" won him his career.

In a country so vast as the United States, even with modern transpor-tation and communication, it would be impossible for every American to know Johnson personally. Therefore Johnson by his appearances and speeches impresses us with his per sonality; he creates an image which we accept or reject. The functions which Johnson performs as Prest dent-vetoing or recommending leg islation, granting pardons and re prieves, making appointments, ex ecuting foreign affairs—will all tainted by Johnson the individual.

As Post Magazine stated, perhaps the absence of a purge in removing Khrushchev is in a subtle way the greatest change Khrushchev made in Russia. Impressions which John son makes on American society will be recorded in history books, but are yet unseen by his contemporaries. in America where we are accusing ourselves more and more of conform ity and stressing individuality, at the same time in P same time in Russia, leaders are be ino ousted because of their individ uality shining above the masses. This fact is well worth our consideration.



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- Dec. 6—Hud. Dec. 8—Wuthering Heights. Dec. 10—West Side Story.

VILLAGE THEATRE

Nov. 15-24-Behold a Pale Horse starring Gregory Peck and Anthony

Quinn. Nov. 26—The Outrage-starring Paul Newman.

Dec. 10-Joy House.



Letters To The Editor:

Unfortunately, in recent weeks we at St. Mary's have not expressed consideration either for our guests or for our own chaplin.

The N.C. State College Glee Club visited our campus a few weeks ago and the audience response, comments, and attitude on the whole were poor. Nervous coughs, whispers, giggles, and clapping *before* the perform-ance were absolutely rude, and disrespectful. Those who wished to listen to the program were annoyed by the childish reactions of those who were defiant because they were required to attend. The immature students who displayed such poor conduct gave an unfavorable impression to the visitors in the audience and the visitors on the stage. How often did we stop to think that the State boys may have had tests the next day too? Maybe they did not enjoy giving a "required" concert, especially to girls who do not show them the courtesy of being quiet during their performance. Daily chapel services are traditional at St. Mary's. Dr. Guerry has tried

to make chapel not a compulsory nuisance but a corporate experience which is wanted by the student body. As in the past Dr. Guerry keeps the services short so that we will have plenty of time to get our mail. There is a disrespectful attitude evident in the way students dash in during the first hymn, slam the prayer books down, and whisper between the pews. Surely our discussions can wait. Dr. Guerry has shown us the courtesy of limiting the length of the chapel services. Why can't we show him courtesy and give due respect to a place of worship?

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There are many deadlines at St. Mary's - publication deadlines, test deadlines, theme deadlines, and the deadline set for the faculty regarding quarter and semester grades. This letter concerns the last one. Whenever a deadline is set, most of us note the date, calculate the time, and then sit back and let procrastination take over. Teachers often accuse the students of falling prey to procrastination, but for once, as a student I feel that I have the grounds to turn the tables.

As of late, a large number of students have repeatedly complained of the fact that a few of the faculty members have become unreasonably slow in grading tests. Although it is certain that overwork, lack of time, and unforescen problems are leading factors in this case, it is my contention that simple procrastination is the key fault. How many times have we heard these very teachers say, "Balance your time so that you will not have to cram."?

I have, at one time, received an F for handing in a late paper, and invariably my grades are lower if I do not balance my time. The faculty, on the other hand, receives no more than a patient shrug and a dirty look when they give a reading assignment to their classes and then make a beeline for the Faculty House to grade already late papers. I am reprimanded when I am unprepared because it is my responsibility to my teacher to do my work; does this not work both ways?

I realize that teaching is not an easy job and that it is very time-consuming and often nerve-wracking, but we students work hard. Many of us have learned by experience to combat procrastination by accepting responsibility and balancing our time . . . Maybe some of the teachers could learn a Touche' lesson from their students.